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1. Leaflets, magazines and books containing Titoist propaganda are being distributed in the Mirdite area by Albanians in opposition to the present regime who had entered Yugoslavia and who are now engaged in missions into Albania for Yugoslav propaganda purposes. Other such Albanians have been charged with the organization of Titoist cells in the Kruje, Shijak and Tirana regions, as well as with setting up communication between Tirana and the Yugoslav border.
2. In addition, [REDACTED] Yugoslav agents have been sent to the Dibra and Shkoder regions of Albania, under instructions from a certain Yugoslav Major Cetanic. Yugoslav agents are said to be very restricted in their movements, and receive their instructions only from this Cetanic, who is their only contact in the Yugoslav Intelligence Service.
3. One Yugoslav agent is said to be a certain Osman Vora, who had been commander of a battalion of Communist rebels until September 1944, at which date he deserted from the ranks of the Communist Party. He was wounded by the Communists at Tirana, and, while hospitalized there, was taken prisoner when Enver Hoxha and his men occupied that city. Vora was condemned to death, but was saved by the intervention of Myslim Peza; later, in May 1949, he was released from jail. In January 1950, he crossed into Yugoslavia, where he is said to have won the confidence of the Yugoslav authorities, and began working for Titotism.
4. A former member of the Albanian resistance movement, Fran Kola, is said to have entered Yugoslavia some time ago, but no further news has been received of him.
5. Desertions from the Albanian Army are now more frequent; toward the end of October 1950, 13 Albanian officers escaped to Yugoslavia over Lake Shkoder, and [REDACTED] as long as present conditions prevail in Albania and others will probably do the same. The report that Albanian refugees in Yugoslavia are well treated, the good treatment promised Albanians in the Yugoslav leaflets, and other propaganda appeals, are convincing many Albanians to seek asylum in Yugoslavia, rather than to endure the intolerable economic conditions prevailing in Albania any further. [REDACTED] Yugoslav propaganda is increasing daily, and would seem to have substantial funds and numerous agents at its service.

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